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TSUTSUI OPENS 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WITH BALDWIN AND MAUI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS

HONOLULU - Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, (D-Central Maui) opened the 2005 session with friends, family, and Maui & Baldwin High School Student Body Presidents, Ms. Jovelyn Bonilla and Ms. Paula Higuchi. Tsutsui sponsored the trip for the two honor roll students to attend the festivities after seeing their impressive performances at the Hawaii State Student Council.

"I was very impressed with their awareness of the issues. I thought this would be more than a fitting event for them to be a part of." said Senator Tsutsui.

Maui High School senior Jovelyn Bonilla expressed her gratitude but wasted no time in discussing issues pertaining to Kahului. "I think it's great that he gets so involved with the students and his district. It shows how right he is for the position." Paula Higuchi, a senior at Baldwin High School similarly benefited from this experience. "I am grateful to Shan for giving me the opportunity to witness the Senate in session. He has offered me a better understanding of what I can do. I'm glad he is more than willing to support us. He's easy to approach and I don't feel intimidated talking to him about issues – no matter what they are."



Tsutsui at 33, is currently the youngest member of the Senate.

Both Bonilla and Higuchi plan to attend universities on the mainland in the fall. Jovelyn plans to major in political science and Paula wants to major in secondary education, eventually returning to Maui to give back to her community.

The 23rd Legislature is scheduled to adjourn sine die on Thursday, May 5th 2005.

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